

Information Services Board Briefing Paper on the Department of Corrections' Offender Management Network Information Project

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Description

The Department of Corrections (DOC) will provide a Phase II project status update and request approval to proceed with Phase III of the project.

Background

Due to delays mainly related to untested system software, Phase I of OMNI completed four months late in October 2001. DOC and their contractor, IBM Global Services, have been applying lessons learned from Phase I to improve the project planning and management and processes associated with Phase II to prevent similar delays. For example, DOC and IBM pilot tested the DL/2 database conversion tool that is new in Phase II. DOC and IBM have also updated the following processes in Phase II: Quality Assurance, Risk Management, Project Management Plan and Organization, and Communications Plan.

Status

The project is now making good progress on deliverables. It is on schedule and under budget (for more information, see the July OMNI Project Oversight Report). IBM and DOC have completed an integrated project schedule and are continuing with workshops and reviews that will lead to the "baselining" of Phase II module designs. Some of these include the Records Logical and Physical Data Model, updated Records Use Cases and Screen Definitions, and the Notification Subsystem Design.

The IBM and DOC development teams have completed the Risk Management Indicator (RMI) and Level of Severity Indicator Revised (LSI-R) Logical and Physical Data Models and are proceeding with coding and unit testing of these applications. The plan is to complete these applications in the fall in time to use them as demonstratable project deliverables.

Following successful pilot testing of the DL/2 database conversion tool, the project team converted the first two IMS databases, Chronos and Facility, to DB2. The remaining four databases: Offender, Inmate, Field Offender and Inmate Banking, are in the process of conversion.

Issues

- Can IBM provide the Phase II RMI and LSI application deliverables in time to demonstrate them to the ISB and Legislature in support Phase III budget requests?

Recommendation

The Department of Information Services recommends that the ISB support DOC's request for funding of Phase III of the OMNI project.